



Shabbington Village Community Trust

Annual Report January - December 2024

Overall Purpose of the Shabbington Village Community Trust Charity

To improve the conditions of life of the inhabitants of Shabbington by:

- The provision and maintenance of a village hall for meetings, lectures, classes and other forms of recreation and leisure time activities
- The enhancement of the village recreation ground
- The furthering of any other charitable purposes

Achievements through the year 2024

- Our architect started working with a project manager from the village with the aim of using and encouraging the community to get involved with the build of the new Hut, and the aim is to re-submit the planning application for a revised hut design in the current site which was approved in September 2023. The new Hut will be a simpler design but will be more cost effective to build.
- A project plan for the new hut includes three phases:
 - 1) Preparation Phase - funding plan, legal groundwork, tenders from builders
 - 2) Demotion and Building Phase
 - 3) Final fit and completion

Timeline – we hope to start work May 2025 with the project taking from 9 – 10 months

- The new Charity website and Just-Giving page was launched with positive feedback. (shabbingtonvct.co.uk)
- A successful year of fundraising activities raising £16,394 including:

Progressive supper
Burns Night
Country Music Night
Coffee Mornings
Nearly New Pop-up Shop and Fizz night
Brass Trio Concert in the Church
Christmas Raffle



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- The Shabbington Nature network had a well-attended series of talks, lectures and workshops during the year.
- Table Tennis Club has been running in the hut with coaching taking place on Saturdays (for children and adults) and adult coaching on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- A successful year for our yoga and keep fit classes
- There have also been a number of children's parties in the Hut.

Raising Funds through Grant Giving Trusts and Organisations

We have been approaching different grant giving bodies and have put together an extensive business plan. We were saddened to hear that the Community Ownership Fund was pulled and that the Lottery were unable to help us but we are continuing to approach other organisations and look at all options.

Impact on the Community

Through communication via WhatsApp, Facebook, Bernwood news, the village newsletter, and meetings in the hut, there is high level of awareness and agreement that the hut is to be demolished and a new hut built in the current site. Although there are limitations in terms of size and parking, there is acceptance this is our best option and we must now work together to deliver a new Village Hut that we can all be proud of.

The number of people using the hut has increased but it is becoming even more important to work towards creating a warm and modern new facility.

Focus for 2025

The focus of the charity will be on the delivery on our project plan for the new hut.

Sophy Blandy

(chair)

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Shabbington Village Community Trust year to 31st December 2024

Electricity	£536
Water	£184
Insurance	£533
Maintenance & IT	£36
Cleaning	£0
Event Expenditure	£600
Fire Management	£55
New Building Planning & Expenses	£6,104
EXPENDITURE	£8,048
Bookings	£1,261
Event Income	£2,849
Donations	£12,284
Grants	£0
Interest	£0
INCOME	£16,394
NET (Surplus / Deficit)	£8,345
Bank Opening Bal 01/01/24	£47,155
Bank Closing Bal 31/12/24	£55,501
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